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## Meeting of the State League of Republican Clubs.

To the Republicans of West Virginia.  
The time has come for aggressive action on the part of all adherents of our great party, which is now, as ever, the party of vital and positive principles. This year, as heretofore, Republicanism means patriotism. It behooves the friends of good government everywhere to use all honorable means to perpetuate Republican principles by bringing about the election of overwhelming majorities of the Republican national, state and local nominees in the pending campaign. Such effort should not cease until victory is won.

In view of the great influence for good wielded by club organizations in distributing political literature and arousing enthusiasm upon the live questions of the day, a meeting of the West Virginia State League of Republican Clubs is hereby called for

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1900,  
to be held in the city of Parkersburg, W. Va., for the purposes of reorganization, consideration of plans of work for this year's campaign, election of delegates to the National League meeting, and for other business as may properly come before it. Each club is entitled to five delegates, and it should also elect five alternates. Republicans in every county are urged to organize clubs at once, and to send the name of each club, with lists of officers and delegates, without delay, to the secretary at Charleston.

Speakers of national reputation will be present to address the meeting.

By order of the Executive Committee,  
WM. BURDETTE, Secretary.

McGraw's Ridiculous Contentions.  
The wily manipulator and instigator of all the dissensions that arose in the last legislature has ably coached his attorney, Mr. Welles, who appeared before the senate committee on elections Saturday on behalf of the protestants against Senator Scott retaining his seat in the senate. The contention of Colonel McGraw's counsel that the contests for seats in the West Virginia legislature were the results of conspiracy on the part of the Republican managers to insure the election of Mr. Scott, and that bloodshed was even threatened by Republican state officers, is the veriest rot.

Who was it caused changes to be made in the ballots of Taylor county, and likewise in the delegate district of Lewis-Webster, after it was known that the Republican candidates were assured of election? Yet this man who is attempting to get before the people through the senate committee a mass of stuff which he has collected and calls evidence, for campaign purposes, and is posing as the conservator of the political morals of this state, was instrumental, or his agents and confidants were, in defeating the will of the people for purposes well known to him.

Mr. McGraw has but one purpose in view in the proceedings he has instituted, and that is the retelling of exparte statements in the coming campaign, in which he proposes to pose as the great sacrificer who "preserved a republican form of government to West Virginia," which is the very height of absurdity and which his other and equally ridiculous claims also partake of.

## Stock Investments.

In speaking of the character of investments in stocks, Henry Clews, in his weekly letter on conditions in Wall street, makes some radical distinctions in favor of railroad securities compared with inflated industrials. He shows that at present the railroads are experiencing the benefit of the country's prosperity to a wonderful degree, and that they are likely to still further increase their earnings. According to the Chronicle, 119 roads in the twelve months of 1899, and 89 roads in eleven months earned \$1,210,000,000, an increase of \$114,500,000, or about 10 per cent. over the previous year. These are stupendous figures, but if the comparisons were made with 1895 or 1896 they would be still more astonishing. They mean that the most important industry in the country has been transferred from a condition of uncertainty two or three years ago to one of soundness and strength. As investments or as speculative purchases there is no class of securities that offers better inducements than those of the railroads. They are the safest and the surest of reasonable profits.

Mr. Clews does not believe all classes of industrials are unworthy of confidence in their character of investments, but he points out that many of them are untied, and that, at present, they are sustained by profits which probably cannot continue, and many of them are highly inflated. "There are a few of the industrials," says Mr. Clews, "organized on conservative lines which will prove remunerative to their holders, and these may be held with

confidence. So far these industrials have not become a serious menace to the stock market, for the reason that only a small proportion of their issues of securities is distributed among the public. The great majority of the industrials are still held by the original holders who accepted securities when surrendering control of their individual plants. If they failed to sell at the high prices of 1899 they simply lost imaginary profits; there were no real losses to them; hence the decline has caused less injury than would have happened had the public been a free buyer of these inflated properties. In the future operations in the industrials are likely to be carried along on more conservative lines. The banks are discriminating sharply as to collateral, and this is a factor of safety."

## Busy Manufacturers.

The treasury bureau of statistics furnishes some interesting figures showing that the manufacturers were the busiest people in the country last year, and that the prospects point to an increased activity in their line during 1900. They increased their importations of materials for use in manufacturing 35 per cent. over the busy year of 1898, and actually increased their exportations of manufactures nearly 25 per cent., so that the grand total of manufactures exported during the year reaches \$330,000,000, and seems likely to touch the \$400,000,000 line in the fiscal year which ends June 30, 1900. The exports of manufactures which in 1898 averaged \$25,000,000 per month averaged over \$31,000,000 per month in 1899, or more than a million dollars for every day in the calendar year. Beginning with \$25,804,870 in January, 1899, the figures grew steadily until December showed \$35,652,053, December and March of 1899 showing larger exportations of manufactures than those of any preceding month in our history. Not only are the exports of manufactures in 1899 the largest in any year in our history, but they form a larger percentage of our total exports than those of any preceding year, the percentage being for the calendar year of 1899, 30.4 per cent.; for 1898, 24.9 per cent., and for 1897, 25.9 per cent.

Taking the entire list of classes of articles composing our imports and exports, those relating to manufactures show the largest gains, both as to imports and exports. In imports, articles in a crude condition for use in domestic industries increased from \$199,255,687 to \$267,493,959, an increase of \$68,238,272; articles of food and live animals, from \$187,829,802 to \$229,971,355, an increase of \$42,141,553; manufactured articles ready for consumption, from \$104,804,809 to \$118,339,856, an increase of \$13,535,047; articles manufactured for use in the mechanic arts, from \$59,127,696 to \$75,376,005, an increase of \$16,248,313; and articles of voluntary use, luxuries, etc., from \$83,946,514 to \$107,664,366, an increase of \$23,717,852, the comparisons in each case being between 1898 and 1899.

In domestic exports, manufactures increased from \$307,924,994 to \$380,737,831, an increase of \$72,812,837; products of the mine, from \$25,851,092 to \$33,279,187, an increase of \$7,428,095; products of the forest, from \$33,036,313 to \$47,562,121, an increase of \$14,525,808, and miscellaneous, from \$3,016,771 to \$3,532,863, an increase of \$515,092, while products of agriculture decreased from \$851,915,782 in 1898 to \$782,105,048 in 1899, a reduction of \$69,810,734, and products of the fisheries, from \$5,819,208 to \$5,637,077, a reduction of \$182,131.

## Trade With China.

That was a great symposium on trade in the far east that was evolved at the annual dinner of the American Asiatic Association, held in New York city. Among those present was the minister from China to this country, and portions of the address he made were deeply significant as bearing on the subject that is now uppermost in the minds of the American people with regard to China and our position in the Philippines. In the course of his remarks he said: "China has a population of 400,000,000. These people have to be fed, they need the different products of your states. Therefore, China is one of the greatest countries for you to cultivate. This country is a grand commercial field for your country, and with your new possessions practically at the very door of China you should be able to command and hold the trade of the east. Therefore, China is for you, but if you do not look out others will be before you."

Is it not well enough to heed such notes of warning from a man who knows what he is talking about rather than follow the advice of one who, if anything, is nothing but a vain and dreamy theorist? Colonel Bryan and his followers would have us vacate the point of vantage we have in the Philippines that other countries may step in and reap the benefits that we now control.

At the same gathering Hon. Charles Denby, former minister to China, during Cleveland's administration, and another man who knows whereof he speaks, said: "A new era has come upon us. We have the Hawaiian islands, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Philippines and part of Samoa for our own, and we are holding Cuba in tutelage to-day. Whether we will or no these are accomplished facts. The finger of destiny has pointed the way to commercial greatness. Our western coast is alive, awake, and is stretching out its hands for the trade of hundreds of millions of people, which is to make San Francisco, Tacoma and Seattle the rivals of New York, Philadelphia and Boston. The southern states see an illimitable market for their cotton and for their iron. I know that our skilled mechanics can beat the world in making manufactured articles. Let us give them a world-wide market."

Accentuating what has already been said in favor of expansion by eminent southern Democrats, and in the same line as that advocated by ex-Governor Wilson and ex-Governor MacCorkle, of West Virginia, Senator McLaurin, of South Carolina, following Mr. Denby, gave voice to these sentiments: "The south is peculiarly interested in our Asiatic markets. From the orient comes a continually increasing demand for raw and manufactured cotton. The outlet there for our surplus products seems almost limitless. In China to-day the most popular cotton products come from southern mills. Southern

manufacturers have not yet reached more than one-third of the population of northern China. It is not unreasonable to say that when the entire field is covered it will more than require double the capacity of our mills to supply the demand. This market presents the astonishing condition of demanding both raw and manufactured cotton from the same section. It is of inestimable importance to the entire south that this trade should be developed, held and protected. With millions of capital invested in southern factories, dependent as they are upon the markets of the orient, the representative from the south who opposes commercial expansion, with all its results and responsibilities, is blinded to the true interests of his section and wedded to a mere political sentiment."

When the able gentleman, who is counsel for "Purple Pencil" McGraw in his protest against Senator Scott retaining his seat in the United States senate, talks glibly of the "conspiracy" of the Republicans in the West Virginia legislature to insure the election of Mr. Scott, will he allow his mind to run back to the atrociously corrupt proceedings of the Democrats in the cases of Taylor and Monroe counties and the Lewis-Webster district?

Rev. Sheldon, who is to run a Kansas paper for one week to show how a Christian daily should be managed, has been met with a counter proposition from a Kansas editor who offers to fill his pulpit during that time to show how the people should be preached to. We do not believe either gentleman will be strikingly successful in his task. In fact, the whole affair borders on a bid for cheap notoriety.

The first test of strength between the Goebel and Republican-Democratic forces in the Kentucky legislature took place Saturday in the seating of a Goebel contestant. This presages a victory for Goebel in his contest for the governorship, and that means a sorry and, perhaps, a bloody day for Kentucky. Is there no way to stop this infamous attempt to defeat the will of the people?

The taking of Spion Kop by the British reminds one of the rhyme about the king of France marching his soldiers up the hill and then marching them down again, with the important difference that the British lost many men.

These are sad days for England.

## Shake Hands Only When Gloved.

Philadelphia Record: The Hypochondriacs is the name given to a little coterie of club members here who flock by themselves, and whose only source of conversation seems to be the ill that flesh is heir to. Every member of this little clique fancies that he is a confirmed invalid, and the medical journals are read with avidity and discussed learnedly from every point of view. One of the Hypochondriacs read the other day a dissertation upon the germs that lurk in the palms of the hands and the consequent evils of the custom of handshaking. The medical journal which gave expression to these views was nearly worn out in going the rounds, and the Non-Shakers is the natural outcome. The Non-Shakers is a chondriac and those whose views coincide with the views of the learned medical men have pledged themselves to shake hands only when their own hands and those of the person to be shaken are encased in gloves.

## The Election of Senators.

Philadelphia Inquirer: As a matter of fact, Congress has made by law a uniform time for the holding of elections. It has full power to go a step further and dictate the methods. It cannot change the place—which is always the legislative chambers—and for that reason a popular vote cannot be had except by constitutional amendment, for such a vote means a change of place. But in all other respects Congress is supreme, and it can take these decisions by the throat and strangle them by simply declaring that after a legislature has failed to elect after a certain number of ballots a plurality only shall be required. We would like to see this proposition discussed. It is worth while considering, for as a matter of fact a United States senator is the only person that must be elected to office by a majority vote. Governors, all state officials and members of the house of representatives themselves are chosen by a plurality—in other words, the largest vote cast for an individual. Why draw the line at senators?

## Burgher Smit, of the Transvaal.

Burgher Smit, of the Transvaal, alone on the kopje's crest— a pool of blood— a ragged hole in the breast— a groan and a chill— a fever chill— a prayer for a soldier's rest.

Burgher Smit, of the Transvaal, in the heat of the tropic sun, Had stood that day thro' the deadly fray to his rock and his healing pain, With only a hope to guard the slope till the grim assault was done.

And Burgher Smit, of the Transvaal, had worked his heart's desire, He had laid his own on his rock-ribbed throne thro' the storm of steel and fire.

He had proved his heart a worthy part of the heart of the trekking sire!

But Burgher Smit, of the Transvaal, felt a hand of ice at his soul: He saw, or he felt, his native veldt, with its ocean-deep roll.

He joined thro' the night and saw the light stream out from his "landbou" knoll.

And there he saw his little ones— he heard their mother's call— As best she can, like her old man, she works in the cattle kraal.

But her heart is away, the long, long day, away o'er the mountain wall!

But Burgher Smit, of the Transvaal, shall come no more to his own: He has gone to the road that his fathers trod—he has trekked to the last Unknown.

And the Father above, in justice and love, shall reap what these hands have sown.  
—John Jerome Rooney, in New York Sun.

## Artificial Sight.

A Russian inventor has perfected an electric appliance, which he claims will enable the blind to see. This will bring much happiness to those who have defective eyesight. Another great discovery which will bring much happiness to those whose stomachs have become deranged, is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It has made a world wide reputation for itself as a certain cure for such ailments as indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, biliousness, and malaria, fever and ague.

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## POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Ungrammatically speaking, a kiss is a conjunction.

Some people are so careless they don't care for anything.

Poverty may be a virtue, but it does not keep the pot boiling.

Freckled faces may not be beautiful, but they are often honest.

When an actress marries her leading man he ceases to be a leader.

A man must go ahead and find out in order to be sure that he is right.

If you would firmly impress a thing on a man's memory tell it to his wife.

A wife is called the better half, and she never allows her husband to forget it.

Gossip is often used by those who want to get even because of a fancied injury.

Money is the lever that moves the world—but it takes diplomacy to handle the lever.

If it were possible to condense all the wisdom in the world into one short sentence, it would be impossible for a young man in love to remember it five minutes.—Chicago Daily News.

## REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

Love is an ache in a new place.

A widow always reminds you of hotel soap.

Children are society's ciphers, but when they follow marriage, they make it ten times as valuable.

After a girl gets engaged to a man she generally isn't near so careful about the holes in the elbows of her silk shirt waists.

Probably in heaven the men angels are waited on by the women who used to make the husbands stand around worst on earth.—New York Press.

## PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

In the Dining Car.—"Isn't it delightful to be dining together without a chaperon?" "I should say so! Marriage is certainly a great economy."—Puck.

Little Willie—The Bible says there will be no marrying in heaven. I wonder why? "Oh, yes; but the says she so thoroughly American that she doesn't like to give up being a liberty belle.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

We were in a bitterly reflective mood to-day. "To marry," we mused, "is to purchase bliss at a dear price." "And you don't get it any cheaper at wholesale, either," put in the Sultan of Sulu, who had now to be reckoned with.—Puck.

How to Distinguish Them.—"What is the difference between poetry and versification?" asked the ignorant one. "Poetry," replied the wise one, "is what a man writes himself; versification is the rhyming done by others."—Chicago Evening Post.

Feminine Intuition.—Hattie—I'm positive George loves me and wants me to be his wife. Ella—Has he told you so? Hattie—No; but he has taken such a strong dislike to mamma.—Chicago Tribune.

Great Improvements.—"I see," remarked the observant boarder, "that meals are to be served in Chicago street cars." "When?" asked his neighbor, who was sleeping in a car on the Philadelphia street railway.—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

A Precaution.—"Why do you insist on your son's becoming a lawyer?" asked the friend. "I made a will leaving him all my money," was the answer. "It seems to me that if he is a lawyer himself, he will stand a better chance of getting some of it."—Washington Star.

Incomprehensible Woman.—Frederick Flavilla, you pledged yourself to be faithful forever; and yet you say you have not grieved over our broken engagement. Flavilla—Of course not; my heart is as true as steel; but when I set my mind to it I can be just as shal-low and fickle as anybody.—Life.

Proper Form.—The society editor of the Daily Bread, who is acting temporarily as news editor, worked over in this style a dispatch pertaining to a battle: "General Walker announces the engagement of Colonel Thompson with a considerable force of the enemy yesterday afternoon. Colonel Thompson will be at home within the enemy's lines until exchanged."—Chicago Tribune.

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